

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date:	May 14, 2013
To: Referral to:	Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee
Subject:	Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Study
Recommendation:	
Previous Dir	A. Authorize staff to submit an application for a TIGER V grant to implement a starter streetcar line in the Nicollet-Central corridor. rectives:
	 April 2, 2010 – City Council approved the long-term streetcar network; authorized staff to engage partner agencies and private stakeholders to determine whether the City should enter into the federal project development process; and directed staff to return to T&PW Committee at least quarterly with a report on streetcars.
Department Information:	
Prepared by: Anna Flintoft, Transportation Planner	
Approved by: Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works	
Presenters in Committee: Anna Flintoft	
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Financial Impact None

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals: Connected Communities

- Comprehensive Plan: Improving the quality of transit on the Primary Transit Network is consistent with the transportation goals in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

In late 2007, the City completed a streetcar feasibility study that identified a long-term network of seven modern streetcar corridors. In 2010, the City Council prioritized the Nicollet Avenue and Central Avenue corridors as the best place to start implementation of the long-term network and directed staff to seek grant funds to conduct an Alternatives Analysis study for the Nicollet-Central Corridor. The City was subsequently awarded a \$900,000 competitive grant from the Federal Transit Administration to conduct the Alternatives Analysis. Work on the Nicollet-Central Alternatives Study began in summer 2012 and is anticipated to be concluded in summer 2013.

On April 26, 2013, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced the availability of \$474 million for infrastructure investment through the TIGER V program. Applications are due June 3, 2013. Staff is seeking City Council authorization to submit a TIGER V grant application to implement a starter streetcar line in the Nicollet-Central corridor.